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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Takaaki HIRAI et al.

Application No.: 09/856,468

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Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE
AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN
MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED
LAMINATE USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

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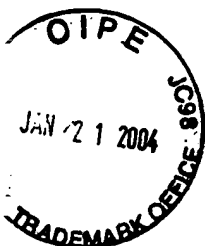
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 18, 2003 (Paper No. 121503) and the final Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 915), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



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PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED Invention: RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE USING THE SAME					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	18	- 20 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =		x	0.00
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